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2. a. (1) The barracks were allegedly occupied by an infantry battalion and a tank unit on 24 March 1950. The tank unit was said to have arrived by rail from Jena on 20 February 1950, while another tank unit which had been stationed in the barracks moved out. A service station attendant observed 15 to 20 SF guns and 30 to 35 tanks (a total of 50 armored vehicles) being detrained with the newly arrived unit. A laundry employee stated that the troops in the barracks numbered about 1,000.

(2) Ten T34 tanks, accompanied by five trucks, left the barracks for field training.

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b. No changes were observed at the kommandatura. The guard detail was furnished by the infantry unit in the barracks.

c. The hospital in the Pfortenschule had a normal number of patients.

d. The LND office was on Sagittarius-Strasse.

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Comment:

A deserter stated, in late October 1949, that the 120th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 15th (Gds?) Tank SF Arty Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were stationed in Sealfeld. The units are still assumed to be there. It is possible, however, that elements of the motorized rifle regiment may have been transferred to the zonal border for guard duty as only one battalion was reportedly quartered in the barracks.

In view of the general situation in Sealfeld, the statement that a tank unit should have been exchanged there is doubted.

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